

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

A complete listing of the Claims is set forth below. Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. **(Canceled)**
2. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.
3. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.
4. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.
5. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the intelligence module:
  - segments the selected transaction document into one or more sections;
  - determines which sections of the selected transaction document are generic and which sections are specific to the past transaction; and
  - removes from the selected transaction document information in the sections specific to the past transaction to create the generic document capable of being used to facilitate the future transaction; and
  - carries forward the generic sections from the selected transaction document into the generic document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction document.
6. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the search interface is further operable to allow a user to navigate through the classes to search for a particular transaction document.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 5, wherein the intelligence module is further operable to dynamically adjust the information in the sections in the generic document to include current information.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the search interface is further operable to allow a user to view the generic document.

9. **(Canceled)**

10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

11. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein creating the generic document comprises:

segmenting the selected transaction document into one or more sections;  
determining which sections from the selected transaction document are generic and which sections are specific to the past transaction;  
removing from the selected transaction document information in the sections specific to the past transaction to create the generic document capable of being used to facilitate the future transaction; and  
carrying forward the generic sections from the selected transaction document into the generic document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction document.

17. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, further comprising denying access to the transaction documents when a user does not possess a required permission level.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 16, further comprising dynamically adjusting the information in the sections in the generic document to include current information.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, further comprising:  
selecting a transaction document from the transaction documents located using the search interface;  
viewing the generic document created from the transaction document; and  
completing the generic document with a plurality of user specific information.

20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein the transaction documents comprise third party documents.

22. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of product classes.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein the classes comprise a plurality of document classes.

24. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein creating generic documents is operable to:

segment the selected transaction document into one or more sections;

determine which sections from the selected transaction document are generic and which sections are specific to the past transaction;

remove from the selected transaction document information in the sections specific to the past transaction; and

carry forward the generic sections from the selected transaction document into the generic document to protect one or more confidential details in the selected transaction document.

25. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, further operable to deny access to the transaction documents when a user does not possess a required permission level.

26. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 24, further operable to dynamically adjust the information in the sections in the generic document to include current information.

27. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, further operable to:  
select a transaction document from the transaction documents located using the search interface;  
view the generic document created from the transaction document; and  
complete the generic document with a plurality of user specific information.

28. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented system for past transaction document storage and reuse, the method comprising:

means for storing a plurality of transaction documents, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

means for organizing a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

means for searching for particular transaction documents by:

selecting one or more of the classes; and

communicating a search query for the particular transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with the one or more selected classes; and

means for removing, creating, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, from the selected transaction document information specific to the past transaction and creating a generic document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from the selected transaction document stored in the one or more document ~~repositories,~~ repositories; and

encrypting at least a portion of the selected information in the selected transaction document made inaccessible in the generic document.

29. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 30, wherein the intelligence module is operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

30. **(Currently Amended)** An electronic commerce system for third party document reuse of past transaction documents, the system comprising:

one or more document repositories storing a plurality of transaction documents each associated with a past transaction of a party to the transaction document and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more of the parties to the transaction document;

a global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more attributes of the transaction documents categorized in the class, at least one of the classes having one or more associated pointers that identify one or more document repositories;

an intelligence module operable to, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, remove from the selected transaction document information specific to the past transaction and create a generic document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the parties from the selected transaction document stored in the one or more document repositories, repositories;

a security module associated with the global content directory, the security module operable to encrypt at least a portion of the selected information in the selected transaction document thereby making it inaccessible in the generic document; and

a search interface operable to communicate a search query for transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with one or more selected classes.

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, further comprising searching for a particular transaction document by navigating through the classes.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

34. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 35, comprising making the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

35. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-implemented method for past transaction document storage and reuse, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of transaction documents in one or more document repositories, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

associating the transaction documents with a global content directory, the global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

searching for particular transaction documents by:

selecting one or more of the classes; and

communicating a search query for the particular transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with the one or more selected classes; and

removing, creating, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, from the selected transaction document information specific to the past transaction and creating a generic document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the parties from the selected transaction document stored in the one or more document ~~repositories,~~ repositories; and

encrypting at least a portion of the selected information in the selected transaction document thereby making it inaccessible in the generic document.

36. **(Canceled)**

37. **(Canceled)**

38. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, further operable to allow a user to navigate through the classes to search for a particular transaction document.



39. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein the documents comprise one or more standard documents stored in a shared document repository.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, wherein the documents comprise one or more unique documents stored in one or more seller databases.

41. **(Previously Presented)** The software of Claim 42, operable to make the selected information in the selected transaction document inaccessible in the generic document by deleting at least a portion of the selected information.

42. **(Currently Amended)** Software for past transaction document storage and reuse, the software embodied in a computer-readable medium and when executed operable to:

store a plurality of transaction documents in one or more document repositories, each transaction document associated with a past transaction and at least portions of each transaction document capable of being used to facilitate a transaction with one or more sellers;

associate the transaction documents with a global content directory, the global content directory including a plurality of classes organized in a hierarchy, each class categorizing the transaction documents and associated with one or more of the transaction documents categorized in the class;

communicate a search query for transaction documents to one or more document repositories identified by one or more pointers associated with one or more selected classes; and

remove, create, in response to selection of a transaction document by a party who was not a party to the past transaction associated with the transaction document, from the selected transaction document information specific to the past transaction and create a generic document capable of being used to facilitate a future transaction with at least one of the sellers from the selected transaction document stored in the one or more document ~~repositories;~~ repositories; and

encrypt at least a portion of the selected information in the selected transaction document thereby making it inaccessible in the generic document.